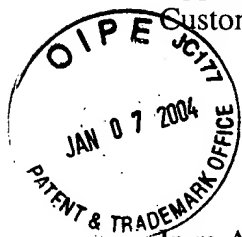


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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2003 to which a response is due without an extension by January 7, 2004. In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in the application.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

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